

## [Mrs. Max Siekert]

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Mrs. Siekert came to America in 1880 and to Madison two years later. Was too young to remember much about their home in Germany. They lived at the Port of Bremer, Haven, Oldenburg. Her father owned a boat to transport cargo from the large vessels, that anchored on the North Sea, on the river Weser into port. Her father's mother lived in Holland, her name was Aherns, and lived in a house with history. The frame work, consisting of large beams 3 ft. X 3 ft. having drifted in with the flood, from some where no one ever learned, settled on the Aherns' estate. It was left in the position it was found in, as it was extremely cumbersome and it would be difficult to move it to another location, it was satisfactory so they built it in with bricks. Mrs. Siekert's grandmother lived in that house from the time she was a bride of 18 years old until her death at the age of 92. This estate has been in the Aherns' family for seven generations, always having been willed to the youngest son of the family.

Many people who have been delighted by the strains of the music of Sousa's band will be interested to know that much of that military music was composed by an Edward Blasche who had served in the army in Austria-Hungary and wrote "music under the double eagle["] A trunkful of this music was kept by the Blasche family for many years. It was sold to Sousa forty years ago.

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Edward Blasche was a grandfather of Mrs. Siekert's children. A sister, Barvara Blasche, was pianist for royalaty in an Austrian Court.